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In re Application of :
Jung-Hua Yiu :
Application No. 10/773,039 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: February 6, 2004 :
For: Memory Card Connector :

This is a decision on the petition filed June 30, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of February 6, 2004, with Figures 8A, 8B described in the specification as part of the original disclosure.

On February 6, 2004, applicant filed the above-identified application. On May 6, 2004, the Office mailed a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, stating that the application had been accorded a filing date of February 6, 2004, and advising applicant that Figures 8A, 8B appeared to have been omitted.

In response, on June 30, 2004, applicant filed the present petition and a copy of applicant's postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of 9 sheets of drawings on February 6, 2004. Additionally, applicant submitted 1 sheet of drawings, including Figures 8A, 8B.

Upon review of the record, Figures 8A, 8B, deposited on February 6, 2004, have not been located among the application papers. However, the evidence is convincing that the application papers deposited on February 6, 2004, included Figures 8A, 8B, which were subsequently misplaced in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, the application, including Figures 8A, 8B, was complete on filing and will be granted a filing date of February 6, 2004.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

The requirement for the submission of omitted drawings Figures 8A, 8B was sent in error and is hereby vacated. Accordingly, the \$130.00 petition fee is unnecessary and will be refunded by treasury check.

The Office of Initial Patent Examination is directed to accord the above-identified application a filing date of February 6, 2004, using the 8 sheets of drawings submitted on February 6, 2004, and the 1 sheet of drawings (Figures 8A, 8B) submitted with the petition.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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